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Our ref: FOI 2025-010

Reply contact name:

Dear XXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 3rd January 2025 regarding the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 and the Public Order Act 1986.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Following receipt of your request, research was conducted by Team Performance at Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

It relates to arrests made, and restrictions imposed, by your force under the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022.

Please note there are four parts to my request.

- (1) In the time period 28/06/2022 up to 01/01/2025, on how many occasions has your force used the powers allowed for in Section 75 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022: Offences under sections 12 and 14 of the Public Order Act 1986?

Sections 12 and 14 of the 1986 Act (as amended by the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022) allow the police to impose any type of condition on a public procession or public assembly necessary to prevent: significant impact on persons or serious disruption to the activities of an organisation by noise; serious disorder; serious damage to property; serious disruption to the life of the community; or if the purpose of the persons organising the protest is the intimidation of others with a view to compelling them not to do an act they have a right to do, or to do an act they have a right not to do.

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- (2) In the time period 28/06/2022 up to 01/01/2025, how many arrests has your force made under Section 78 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022: the offence of intentionally or recklessly causing public nuisance
- (3) In the time period 28/06/2022 up to 01/01/2025, on how many occasions has your force used the powers allowed for in Section 79 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022: imposing conditions on one-person protests?
- (4) In the time period 12/05/2022 up to 01/01/2025, how many arrests has your force made under Section 80 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022: wilful obstruction of a highway?

Our response:

	Q1: use of powers allowed for in Section 75 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act: Offences under sections 12 and 14 of the Public Order Act 1986	Q2: arrests under Section 78 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act: the offence of intentionally or recklessly causing public nuisance	Q3: Use of powers allowed for in Section 79 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act: imposing conditions on one-person protests	Q4: arrests under Section 80 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act: wilful obstruction of a highway	Q5: METROPOLITAN POLICE ONLY arrests under Section 76 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act: obstructing vehicular access to Parliament
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I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and been considered in the light of your request within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely

Force Disclosure Decision Maker